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***Two Plots to Assassinate  
Khomeini Allegedly Foiled***

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PARIS, Dec. 31—Twice during the past month, hired killers from Europe were frustrated in plans to assassinate Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, according to a reliable Western source.

The source speculated that the assassination plots were most probably ordered by Iranian political exiles who are centered in Paris, the focus of the exile community's efforts to return to power in Iran.

On both occasions, the source said, a foreign intelligence service learned of the assassination plans, and arranged to warn the Iranian government through diplomatic channels.